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## MADRAS STATE

### RENOVATION OF A TANK AT SENJI

A SCOUT/GUIDE IS TRUSTY LOYAL HELPFUL BROTHERLY COURTEOUS

BY 300 SCOUTS AND STUDENTS
*from 14—5—1954 to 3—6—1954*

A SCOUT/GUIDE IS KIND DISCIPLINED CHEERFUL THRIFTY PURE.

# OURSELVES

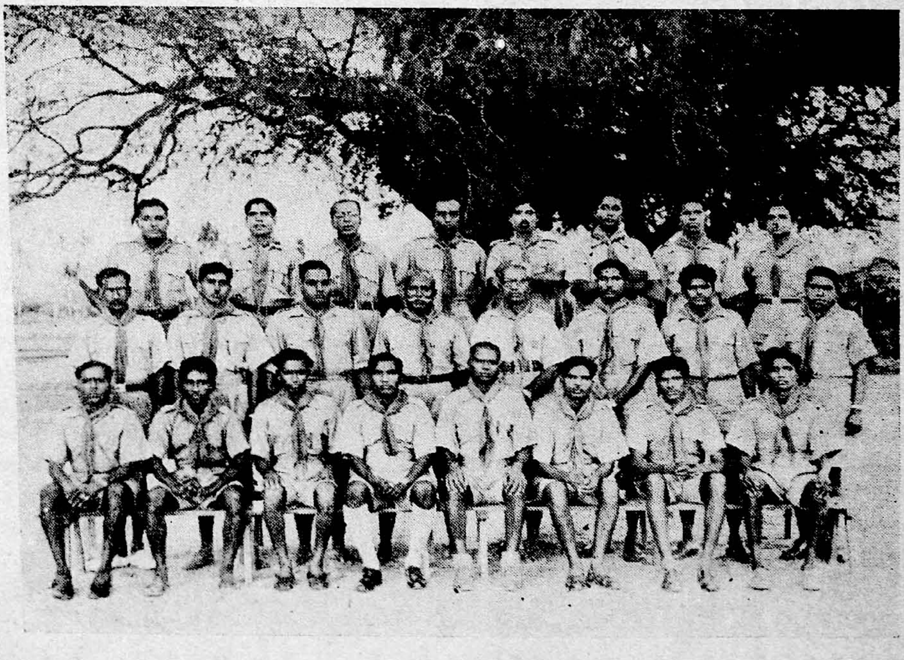
### Rural Service

The summer months have been very busy months and fruitful too. Elsewhere we have published detailed reports of two very successful Rural Service Camps organised with the co-operation of the National Extension Service Department in Chingleput District. The boys and girls who took part in these Camps have no doubt, come back with rich experience and with the feeling that they have contributed their humble mite in the building up of a great NEW INDIA.

### Himalaya Wood Badge

At the instance of the National Headquarters a Wood Badge Course for Scouts has been run at our State Training Centre, Stanley Park, Coonoor. A Commissioners' Training Course also was run. The men and women who took this course have gone back with confidence and determination to carry on the work better and to a great purpose.

SCOUTMASTERS TRAINING CAMP



At Tirumangalam, Mathurai District—26th to 7th May 1954

### Scouters & Guiders Training

Scoutmasters' Training Course, two of these were run. One at Cuddalore and another at Tirumangalam and a total of 49 were trained. A Flock Leader Training Course was run at Salem and 33 Prospective Flock Leaders were trained. A State Camp which is a Refresher's Course for both Flock Leaders' and Guide Captains was run at Tirukoilur which was attended by 50 Trainees. This is a record of which one can take a legitimate pride.

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# Boys from many lands learn

## 'HOME IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT'

BY
JAIBOY JOSEPH

MADRAS—Two Hundred boys from eight nations rang in the New Year here with the resolution to be more useful citizens. They were taking part in the International Conference of High School Boys sponsored by the International YMCA. The theme of their six-day meeting was "Purposeful Living".

Living in huts on the campus of the YMCA College of Physical Education, with playing fields and swimming pool nearby, young men from Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, the Americas and India lived together, played together, exchanged notes on customs and habits, and gave attentive ear to the wisdom of youth guidance experts and educationists.

One who touched off discussions, Miss Marian Van Horne of New York City, said house and home are not the same. "Home is not where you keep your clothes. Home is not an assortment of individuals thrown together by fate. Home is not a filling station by day and a parking lot by night. It certainly is not, as some one has said, 'the place to get ready to go out from."

What then is home?

"Home is where individuals of different temperament live together in an atmosphere of love, where each has dignity and worth, where each assumes charge-sharing-and submits to a system of controls"

Miss Van Horne went on: "Little things like surprise on birthdays, loyalty, happy meal time, laughing together, listening and playing together, make a home. There is unfortunately a tendency not to like any group we have to belong to. This is especially true in the teen ages. Individuals that make up a family are of different degrees of maturity and may not get on smoothly".

But in spite of such minor stressess and strains, "we find people all over the world thinking of home with longing. In China, people walk hundreds of miles to reach home. In Europe millions of displaced persons try to find home with families. Did you ever ride a train at Christmas? People are going home".

Afternoons of the Conference were spent playing games and putting up shows which explained the national characteristics of countries from which the 200 boys (most of whom are Scouts) came. At nightfall they gathered around campfires for songs and discussions under the guidance of leaders like G. Eddy of South India and J. J. De Valois and R. D. Cooper of America.

The last day was given to summing up the proceedings. All resolved to maintain the new friendships that had been made. It was agreed, on the whole, that youth had been served, and there was never a dull moment.

# Tiruchy Dt.—Dalmia High School, Dalmiapuram

## ANNUAL SCOUT CAMP

THE Annual Scout Camp was conducted from Wednesday the 14th and 15th April, 1954 in the pleasant spacious gardens of Sri K. Rajagopal Pillai at Uthamarkovil. Sri T. S Narasimharagavan, Headmaster inaugurated the camp and unfurled the flag. The Group Leader Mr. R Sundaram was in charge of the camp with the assistance of M/s M. S Panchapakesan, K. S. Padmanabhan and T. N. Guruswamy Sri V. Vaithialingam declared open the camp fire on 14-4-1954. Sri K. V. Rathnam, Asst. District Commissioner (Scouts) paid a visit to the Camp and was kind enough to instruct the scouts in the drill by signs. The scouts were given training in Estimation, wide game etc., the Teachers of this institution also graced the occasion by their presence.

The Service of Sri R. Natarajan in organising and Sri V. Vaithialingam in giving instruction and guidance were of great help.

### Annual Day

The second Annual Day of the Dalmia Scout Group, Dalmia High School, Dalmiapuram was celebrated on 18-4-1954 in the School Hall under the presidentship of Srimathi Kousalya Avasthi B.A., B.T., Sri T. S. Narasimha Raghavan, Headmaster of the School welcomed the gathering The Group Scout Leader, Mr. R. Sundaram presented a Report. Srimathi Indra Srinivasan B.A., explained the objects of the Scout Movement. Srimathi Lilly Rajam David spoke about the Role of Scouting in the new set up.

There was a variety entertainment by the School children and a fancy dress competition by the Scouts. Scouter K S. Padmanabhan proposed a vote of thanks.

## MADRAS

The Annual Day of the Vivekanandha Cub Pack, and T'Nagar, was celebrated on Sunday the 18th April '54 at 5 p m at the premises of Ramakrishna Mission Elementary School, T'Nagar, with Srimathi N. Janaki Deputy Inspectoress of Schools, Egmore Range in the Chair. The President observed that scouting was an excellent form of Training intended for the welfare of the Community and paved the way for the development of personality. Sri M. S. Kumaraswamy, Cub-Master took a lot of trouble in making the functions a success.

**The Scouters and Guiders Club:** The member of the Club gathered on Sunday the 18th April '54 at 6 p.m. at the Headquarters of the Vivekanandha Cub Pack, T'Nagar. with Sri K. Rajagopalan, R.S.L. the Mylapore Rover crew in the chair Sri N. Thangavelu, Joint Secretary initiated a discussion on "Scouting and Guiding in the controlled Group". The District Commissioner (S) Messrs P. T. Srinivasachary, K. S. Krishnaswamy and K. Subrahmanyam participated in the discussion. The Scouters observed that we must rope in the help of Senior Scouts and managing authorities and practise scouting strictly according to the principle enunciated by the Group founder.

**Groups Camp:** Camping besides providing boys a welcome departure from the dull routine of town life and helps them to come into close communion with nature and learn the great principles of Scouting.

The Siddhartas conducted a group camp between 24-4-54 and 27-4-54 at Kanagam village four miles from Mylapore The Camp Fire on 25-4-54 was presided over by the District Commissioner (Scouts) Sri K. N. Narayanaswamy G.L. (S) is a Scouter of merit and has done much to make the camp a success. The Shivaji Scout Group held an annual camp for their Scouts from 24-4-54 to 27-4-54 at Devanur a village near Chingleput. The Camp site was situated in a shady and large Mango grove. Sri R. Viraraghavan, Scout Master, deserves our congratulations in this connection.

H. RAMANATHAN,
*District Commissioner (S)*

## CHIDAMBARAM—SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT

I thank you most heartily for the excellent arrangements you had made for presenting the Possee of welcome to the Prime Minister and Vice-President of India at the entrance to the Temple of Sri Nataraja and Sri Govindarajaperumal. Kindly convey my grateful thanks to the Scouts and Guides for the great help they rendered in controlling the crowds, and assisting the visitors, I am sure the Scouts and Guides will take greater and greater interest in helping the authorities during such special occasions as festivals and other celebrations in Chidambaram area.

A. UTHANDIRAMAN
*Collector of South Arcot District*
*20-4-54*

# Nilgiris Dt.—Unveiling the Portrait

OF

MR. H C. M. MACLAUGHLIN

A Rally of Scouts and Guides was held at Stanley ParkTraining and Camping Centre, Coonoor, at 3 30 P.M. on Saturday the 24th April 1954 in honour of Mr. H. C. M. Mc Laughlin, I.A S., (Retired) President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Nilgiris, who is now retiring from Administrative Service.

In the absence of the District Collector, Mr. P. K. Nambiar, I A.S., Mr N. M. Lingan, B.A B.L., Chairman, Ootacamund Municipality presided over the function.

The flag was hoisted by Sri N. R. Bojarajalu Naidu, District Scout Commissioner. Sri V.P. Ramaswamy, Honorary District Secretary read messages from the State Secretary, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy and others. Mr. J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner, and Sri P. V.Ramachandran, a Member of the Executive Committee, paid tributes toMr. H. C. M. MacLaughlin for his services to the Scout and Guide movement.

These were followed by a smart and exquisite display consisting of dances, Drill, prymids and Instrumental solos etc. by Scouts and Guides.

A Portrait of Mr. MacLaughlin was then unveiled by Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke, Assistant District Commissioner for Guides (Designate) Mr. Ramachandra Rao, Member of the Executive of the Bharat Scouts and Guides proposed a vote of thanks after singing National Anthem, the happy function come to a close. The District Commissioner was at Home.

Sri P. K. Nambiar, I A.S, District Collector, Nilgiris has kindly consented to be the President of the Association.

**FOUNDER of Tonekela Camp (Madras) for waifs**

**Wallace Forgie feels the pulse of a sick boy**

Think twice before you speak and then talk to yourself.

# Virudhunagar—Ramnad District

During the Eighth All India Exhibition conducted by the K. V Sala High School, Managing Board, Vivekananda Scout Group took two stalls. They displayed foreign stamps, Albums, Plastic, Rubber toys baloons glass wares, biscuits, cakes etc., Scout crafts of various troops also were sold in the stall.

2. During the Panguni Pongal festival celebrated by the Trustees of Hindu Nadar Devasthanam, Virudhunagar on 12-4-54 the following Scout troops rendered service from 6 a.m. to 7-30 a.m.

(a) 35 Scouts from Vivekananda Scout Group (b) 11 Scouts from SSS Municipal High School, (c) 10 Scouts Newton Troop—K. V. Sala High School (d) 10 Members Red Cross—K. V. Sala High School.

The Scoutmasters Mr. K. M. R. Vairavan, Mr. V. M. V. Palanichamy, Mr. N. Rajendren B A. and Mr. D. S. P. Devaraj were the leaders. The service was efficiently supervised by Mr. V. M. V. Palanichamy, R.S.L. Mr V. A. Sankarapandian, the Secretary of the Local Scout Association Virudhunagar also attended the service and encouraged Scouts and Scouters.

3. On 18-4-54 during the full-Moon festival celebrated by the Trustees of Sri Ranganathaswamy Devasthanam, the following Scout troops rendered service.

(a) 17 Scouts of Vivekananda Scout Group
(b) 5 Scouts of S.S.S. Municipal High School,
(c) 10 Red Cross from K. V. S. High School

Mr. V. M. V. Palanichamy R. S. L. of Vivekananda Scout Group and

Mr. V. A. Sankarapandian Secretary of the local Scout Association, Virudhunagar also joined the service.

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# Office of the National Organising Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides

No. A-17-54-55/

1, P.D. Tandon Road, Allahabad-2
*Dated April 20, 1954*

To

1. The Secretaries,
   Bharat Scouts and Guides,
   Indian Union.
2. The Lone Group Leaders,
   Lone Scout Groups,
   Indian Union.

Copy of letter No. 110199/II/X/OC FORT, dated Allahabad Fort February 8, 1954, from Major S. B. Misra, Major Officer Commanding Fort & COI/C Ordinance Depot Allahabad, to the All India Bharat Scouts and Guides Association, Kumbh Camp, Allahabad, forwarded for information.

"The Fort authorities have watched with great keen-ness the discharge of a difficult task entrusted to the Boy Scouts Association under the able Captaincy. The discipline and co-operation of these young Boys is admirable and under the capable guidance and control of........ they have done a magnificient job of work under really exacting conditions. Their selfless and unstinted devotion to duty entitle them to praise of the highest order. I feel sure that Associations like this will continue to render invaluable service whenever and wherever called upon to do so.

I wish this Association every success in the future.

Yours sincerely,
Sd. S. R. BAJPAI
*National Organising Commissioner*

# Minutes of the Periodical Conference on Scout Organization

*Held in the room of the Minister for Finance and Education, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 26th April 1954*

*Present*:

1. Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance & Education (Chairman).
2. Sri J. I. Arputhanathan, Additional Deputy Secretary to Government, Health, Education and L. A. Department (Convener).
3. Srimathi O. C. Srinivasan, Director of Public Instruction.
4. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, M L A., State Chief Commissioner.
5. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts).
6. Mrs. Gopal Ratnam, Headquarters Commissioner for Guides. (Permitted to attend in the place of the State Commissioner for Guides).
7. Sri K Kuruvila Jacob, Headmaster, Madras Christian College High School, Chetput.
8. Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State.

Sri Satrasala Venkataram, Treasurer of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, also attended the Conference

*Item 1 of the Agenda*

**Encouragement to teachers to become Scoutmasters:** The State Commissioner (Scouts) pointed out that there were two proposals to encourage teachers to become Scout-masters One of them was to give some allowance, say Rs. 10/-per mensem for Scout work to a specified number of Scout-masters for each school. The other proposal was to give the Scout-masters uniforms free of cost.

As no teacher doing extra-curricular activity is paid any separate allowance for such activities it was decided that no monthly allowance need be paid to the Scout-masters.

The Conference agreed to the free supply of one uniform for each Scout-master. It was suggested that the expenditure on the supply of the uniform might be met by the managements concerned from their resources in the first instance and it might be treated as an item of approved expenditure for purposes of assessment of teaching grant to the institution. It was also suggested that the number of Scout-masters in a school entitled for such supply need not be fixed. The suggestions were accepted.

2. Sri K Kuruvila Jacob suggested that the expenditure incurred on the training of Scout-masters from aided elementary schools might be approved as an admissible item of expenditure for assessment of teaching grants. The Conference decided the financial implication of the suggestion might be examined and put up.

*Item 2 of the Agenda*

**Camp-sites and Camp equipments:** The Conference next considered a suggestion made at an earlier conference held on 30-3-1953 that about 6 Camp-sites might be acquired in suitable centres in the State for Scout-camps and that the necessary equipment might be provided at State expense. In this regard, the Chairman suggested that the Travellers' Bungalows, Inspection bungalows, Forest bungalows, etc., with extensive vacant sites around them might be utilized as Camping-sites instead of acquiring new places. It was agreed that this possibility might be explored.

At the suggestion of the Director of Public Instruction, the Conference agreed that some suitable Government vacant land in Poonamallee might be selected and provided as a Camp-site.

*Item 3 of the Agenda*:

**Government grant to the State Association:** The State Chief Commissioner pointed out that the annual expenditure of the Association was estimated at Rs. 45,000/-out of which a sum of about Rs. 15,000/- was expected to be collected from the public. He requested that the balance of Rs. 30,000/-might be paid as grant from State funds. The Chairman proposed that the grant payable

to the Association might be raised to Rs. 20,000/-. This proposal was accepted by the representatives of the Bharat Scouts and Guides present at the Conferencc.

*Item 4 of the Agenda* :

*OTHER ITEMS* :—

**Levy of a Capitation fee of Annas 4/- per year per Scout/Guide to augment the finances of the Association:** In pursuance of the decision of the Periodical Conference held on the 26th June 1953, the State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, submitted a note on the levy and allotment of a Capitation fee. The note was approved and it was agreed that the Government might issue suitable orders in this regard.

**Contributions from local bodies**

It was explained that general orders have been issued by the Government regarding the payment of contributions by local bodies from their general funds subject to certain conditions and that there was no objection to the local bodies making such contributions to the Scout Association, provided that the conditions stipulated were satisfied.

**General:** The Chairman thanked the invitees to the Conference for responding to the invitation and taking part in the discussions.

# Government of Madras Public (Information & Publicity) Department

*Feature Story 25th May, 1954*

## A Road is Made

The inhabitants in the villages near Tirukkalikundram, in Chingleput district (familiar to tourists and pilgrims through its famous holy Eagles and the temple on top of the hill), woke to find one fine morning this summer a pleasant surprise awaiting them This came in the shape of a three mile stretch of well-laid road leading to the Tirukkalikundram—Sadras highway; to their joy the villagers found where there was just a dusty sandy and rugged track before, a modern road had come up, as if by magic, within the short span of three weeks. For long the villagers had stoically put up with the lack of proper communications between their village and the more civilised part of the country and like most villagers had taken it for granted that it was their fate and nothing could be done about it. Had they but thought a little and pooled their resources and man power and made a concerted, coordinated voluntary effort, the situation could have been remedied in no time. But evidently they had neither the time nor inclination to think on these lines. And now when they saw before their own eyes what could be achieved by organised voluntary work, they were not a little amazed and would have probably realised what they had themselves missed in achieving.

All this was possible by a band of young men, who put their school holidays to some useful constructive activity for the benefit of the people. 300 boys from 14 High Schools in Madras City and Chingleput district set themselves to the task of laying the 1½ miles long road connecting the Tirukkalikundram—Sadras High Road with the villages of Ammanambakkam, Jambery, Perambedur etc. and reaching the southern bank of Palar river in Madurantakam Taluk. Lack of communications had isolated these villages for a long time and marketing has been a difficult process for the hard-working agriculturists, producing mainly rice, ragi, vegetables, fruits, etc. This was particularly so in the rainy season.

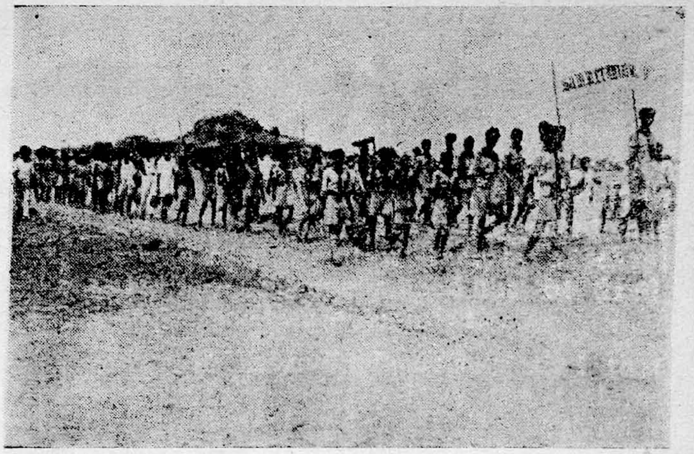
The Summer Rural Service Camps have become an annual feature of the Scout movement ever since the Five Year Plan was evolved Free and voluntary labour by the students in Community Projects, irrigation Works, Road Improvements, slum clearance etc. was envisaged by the Planning Commission as an essential part of the Plan. Naturally Scout Camps were organised in Community Project Centres,

National Extension Service blocks etc. with a view to supplementing the labour and also instilling in the minds of villagers a sense of self-confidence and a spirit of cooperative effort. This year the Bharat Scouts and Guides Association sponsored two rural service camps, one at Senji village in Kadambathur and the other at Tirukkalikundram.

The camp at Tirukkalikundram which was inaugurated by Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Education on 4th May 1954, went on for 21 days. Summer in this part of the country is relentless and the students were unused to manual labour; yet with the zeal and will to work known only to Scouts, as their only protection and shade against the scorching sun's oppressive heat, this enthusiastic young band of Scout workers were able to complete, no less than three miles of earth-road within three weeks' time.

The newly constructed road wends its way through paddy fields, vegetable gardens rock-imbedded lands and among hillocks. Fifteen feet wide and with 2 feet by 1 foot drainage on either side, the road is really an achievement of which the students and the Scouts Association can always be legitimately proud They considered a record, both in time and quality The bund is about 480 feet long, 15 feet wide with depth varying from 6 to 8 feet. Further the bund serves another purpose in conserving the tank water which had been unutilised for long.

Rural Service Camp—Tirukalikundram



At day break, with tools and implements they march onward to the work

The Rural Service Camp worked in collaboration with the National Extension Service, who supplied all tools, implements and technical guidance for the road construction. The expenses of the camp were defrayed by the Government who sanctioned an allotment at the rate of 12 as per head per day. This was supplemented by voluntary contribution by villagers in the shape of rice, fruits and vegetables The Scouts started for work at day break and broke off at 10-30, resuming again at 3-30 and winding up the day at about 6. This was followed by recreational programmes, games, Camp fires etc.

Rural Service Camp—Tirukalikundram

A day's hand labour welldone, is followed by recreational programmes

Apart from road construction, the students undertook several sanitation drives in villages and conducted social education classes. They dug 7 compost pits, constructed 2 dry earth sheds to preserve cattle-manure and urine and cleaned the slums once a week. Talks were held in cooperation, on Five Year Plan, Community Projects, etc. in 12 villages in and a round Tirukkalikundram Games activities were arranged for young and old. Milk was supplied to more than 500 children. The Camp Officer Sri R. Messiah Doss stayed with the students and guided their day-to-day activities. He was ably assisted by Assistant Camp Officers and Camp Leaders, who maintained strict

WORK ON DRAINAGE IN PROGRESS

Rural Service Camp—Tirukalikundram

discipline. Scouts Law was the law of the camp. The camper were told to be always clean in thought, word and deed and to smile and whistle under all difficulties.

"The camp was a success. The boys stood it well, in spite of the unfavourable weather conditions", stated the Assistant State Commissioner of Scouts, Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar. "If there had been a little more of co-operation by the villagers, as was expected, our boys would have completed the entire 4½ miles road", he added

At first villagers took no notice of the camp and the work it had undertaken and perhaps looked upon the young enthusiasts with amused indifference.

However, the villagers have begun to realise the importance and value of the road in village economy. They also realise that mere boys have been able to achieve something to which all these years they themselves had not given serious thought An old villager, told a group of students at the valedictory function of the camp: "The road is a boon to our village I never thought such a thing will come into being in my lifetime. We shall never forget your faces smiling in the blazing sun, and your labouring in our village for our benefit."

At the closing function of the Summer Rural Camp on 23rd May, the Revenue Minister Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker said: "The reward for your work does not lie in the amount of money spent by the Government for the camp nor in the certificate issued to you after the closing of the camp. But it does in the spontaneous joy that you derive when you visit this scene of your boyhood toil, on a later day, and see your fellow citizens using this road. You derive satisfaction and inspiration when you think "this is the road that I have constructed with my own hands and at the sweat of my brow". The spirit with which you have done the work will create a deep impression in the minds of the villagers that manual labour is not alien to educated towns-men. Hence-forth villagers will come forward in larger numbers to help themselves and to help build a stronger and better India."

FLOCK LEADERS TRAINING CAMP

At Salem—18th to 23rd May 1954

# THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

**Regal Buildings, Parliament Street, Post Boz No. 127**

*New Delhi, 5—5—1954*

To all the State Secretaries and State Commissioners,
Bharat Scouts and Guides India
Dear, Friend,

I am glad to inform you that the Railway Board (according to their order No. 2687-T.C., dated 26th April 1954) have decided that the concession admissible to Scouters and Guiders under S. No. 9 or Annexure to Rule 114 of the Indian Railway Conference Association Coaching Tariff No. 16 when travelling in parties of not less than four, may be allowed when they travel individually also

Extract copy column 3 of Serial No 9 of Annexure to Rule 114 of the Indian Railway Conference Association Coaching Tariff No. 16 is given below.

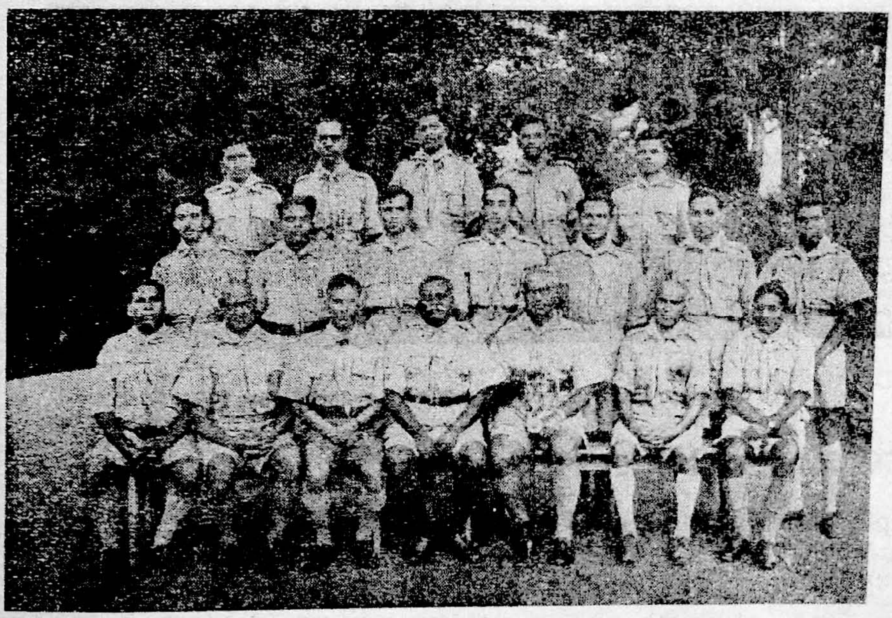
Circumstances under which concession is admissible, subject to conditions shown in clauses (1) to (10) of Rule 114.

K. G. VAIDYANATHAN
*National Secretary*

In this connection the printed form supplied by the STATE HEADQUARTERS should be used. Application should reach the State Headquarters, 15 days in advance of the date of commencement of the journey.

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY
*State Secretary*

HIMALAYA SCOUT WOOD BADGE COURSE



At Stanley Park, Coonoor—10th to 21st May 1954

## HIMALAYA SCOUT WOOD BADGE COURSE—PART II (PRACTICAL) COONOOR

The above Course, the first of its kind in the Madras State after the Merger, was organised and conducted at the Stanley Park Scout Training Centre, Coonoor, Nilgiris District from 10th to 21st May 1954. Out of 20 who were selected, only 16 attended the Course. Messrs. J. I. Muthiah, M. Rajagopalan and V. S Ratnasabhapathy, Deputy Camp Chiefs conducted the Course.

The Patrol system was followed in the matter of Cooking. Sri V. P Ramaswamy, District Scout Secretary and Assistant Deputy Camp Chief ably and carefully attended to the regular supply of provisions and distribution of rations

The Syllabus as outlined in "Scheme of Training" issued by the National Headquarters was followed. Due attention was paid to the individuals and Patrols' spare time activities including Nature Logs and Weather Charts Some new items, such as Organised Good turns, Flag and National Songs, Lives of great men, Rope Climbing and Mountaineering were also included in the Training programme and every effort was made to present and re-orientate the subjects to our requirements.

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COMMISSIONERS TRAINING COURSE

At Stanley Park, Coonoor—22nd to 28th May 1954

## COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING COURSE—COONOOR

Under the auspices of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, a Training Course for Commissioners was conducted at the Stanley Park Training Centre, Coonoor from 22nd to 27th May 1954. 15 Candidates, some of whom were also warranted Commissioners attended the Course representing the districts of South Kanara, North Malabar, Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Tiruchirapalli, Ramnad and Madras Four of the Commissioners represented the Guide Section On the whole the Camp was a success. It was run by the three Deputy Camp Chiefs. Sri V P. Ramaswamy Assistant Deputy Camp Chief and Hon. Secretary, District Scout Association, Nilgiris attended to the mess arrangements.

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The best progress is made in those Troops where power and responsibility are really put into the hands of the Patrol Leaders

## CEYLON CAMP

Early in August 1953 we were delighted to hear from the National Headquarters that Miss. G. R. Samuel, our Headquarters Commissioner for Training was selected by the World Bureau as a member of the Staff for the International Round Table Conference for Experienced Guiders at Ceylon which was held at Ceylon from 17th to the 27th of April 1954 This is the first of its kind arranged by the World Bureau.

This Conference was preceded by a Training Course for the benefit of the Eastern Countries. I thank our State Commissioner-Guides for giving me an opportunity to attend the above training Course. This training covered a period of 10 days from the 6th to the 15th April '54. Japan, Malaya, Burma, Indo-China, Phillipines, Australia, East and West Pakistan, India and England were the countries which were represented among the 42 Trainees We had 10 members from India from the States of Delhi, Bengal, Hyderabad, Mysore and Madras. Miss. C. John, the Assistant District Commissioner, Tirunelvelli, joined us a bit late.

The Deputy Director of the World Bureau, Miss. Woollacot, Mrs. Hodgkin Trainer, Australia, Miss. Rauf, Trainer, West Pakistan, Miss. Alvis, Chief Commissioner, Ceylon were the members of the Staff. World Association, Patrol System, Patrol activities, Bulbul activities and similar topics were dealt with during the Course. Although the Training was not much advanced in nature, it gave wide opportunities to know what is happening in the other countries and we were able to get new ideas and inspiration by sharing our ideas and plans with each other.

The Ceylon Guides and Guiders had undertaken the full responsibility of making our stay in Ladies' College, Colombo a comfortable and pleasant one during those 10 days. Both European and Indian meals were served at the Central table. They had also made all arrangements for sight seeing for a full day. We visited Kandy, Paradenia Gardens, Mount Levinia and other places of interest.

S. P. D.

## STATE CAMP

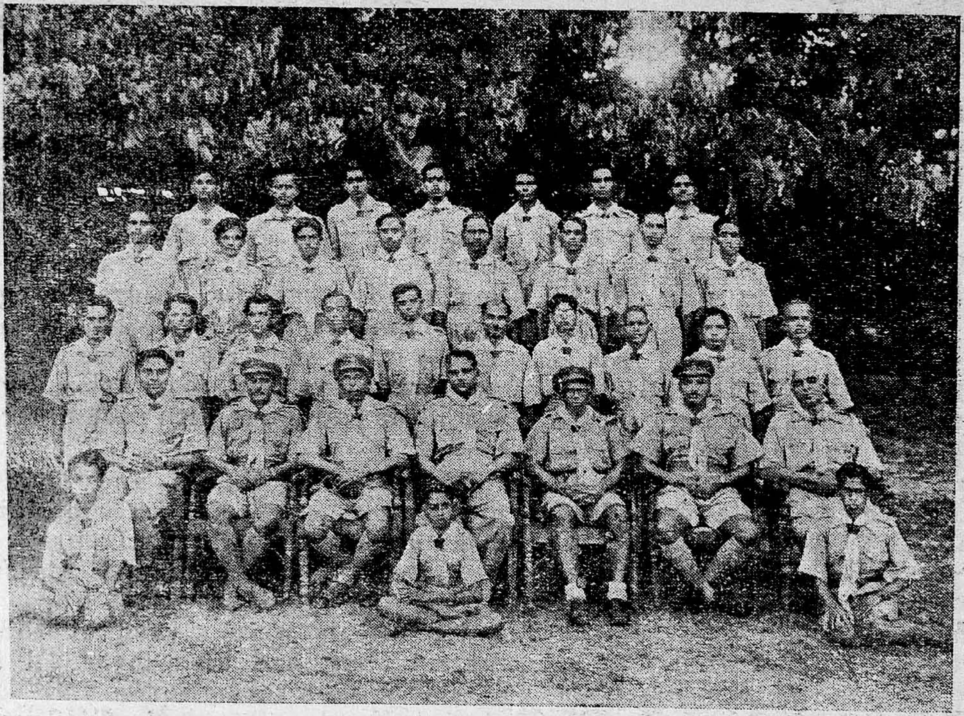
It was a long felt desire that we should hold a State Camp for our Guiders in the Madras State So the Headquarters Commissioner for Training made the plans from February and Tirukoilur was fixed as the Training Centre. Two Camps were conducted. The first camp was held from 15th to 25th May for the Guide Captains and the 2nd camp was conducted from the 26th to the 31st May 1954. Although we expected more than twenty five Guiders for each camp we had only 15 Trainees for each camp. But Guiders from Tirunelveli, Mathurai, Chingleput, S. Arcot and Madras attended both the camps. Perhaps the limitation in the number of Guiders was mainly due to the difficulty of circulating the idea of the State Camp among the Guiders of each district. However we hope for a better response in future.

I was there at Tirukoilur only for the first five days of the Guiders Camp as I had to go to the Commissioners' Camp at Stanley Park, Coonoor. But our experienced and able Commissioners, Miss. L. Vedanayakam and Miss. S Bakkiamuthu who had undertaken the full responsibilities from the beginning were there to see to the success of both the Camps right to the end.

S. P. DORAIRAJ
*Jt. S. O. C. Guides*

Expect a great deal of your Patrol Leaders and nine times out of ten they will play up to your expectation.

SCOUTMASTERS TRAINING CAMP



At Cuddalore—2nd to 13th May 1954

# RENOVATION OF TANK

## SCOUTS AND GUIDES UNDERTAKE WORK IN VILLAGE

Over 300 boys who are attending a summer rural service camp in Senji Village, three miles from Kadambathur, in Tiruvellore taluk, are now engaged in renovating a neglected irrigation tank in the village.

The Camp has been sponsored by the Block Development Officer of Kadambathur under the National Extension Service Scheme and has been organised by the Bharat Scouts and Guides. Besides 310 Scouts and Students drawn from various Schools in Madras City and Chingleput District, ten girl guides are also taking part. The Girl Guides are doing social service in the village like rendering maternity aid, distributing milk, etc., while the boys are doing hard manual work in renovating the irrigation tank which is expected to benefit 350 acres of wet land.

The 21—day camp actually began its activities on May 14, but was formally inaugurated this evening at a function got up on the tank bed, by Mr. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Community Projects and National Extension Service.

Mr. Bhaktavatsalam praised the efforts of the scouts and said it would serve as an inspiration to the villagers in the matter of self-help. In olden days people contributed in the form of labour to build irrigation works, such as repairing tanks, sealing off breaches, etc. Unless villagers realised the value of self-help, village could not be developed. During his recent visit to Mayuram, the Minister said, landholders told him that they were unable to attend to the work of repairing irrigation channels themselves due to dearth of labourers and that they would be willing to pay money if the Government would undertake the work. This attitude should change. Mr. Bhaktavatsalam said the Government were prepared to spend money on such works if villagers would contribute labour. That was the underlying principle of the National Extension Service scheme. The Scouts were engaged in a difficult job and he appealed

to the villagers to give them their co-operation.

Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, who presided, said the youth were now taking great interest in village reconstruction work. These camps helped boys to have training in manual labour.

Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts) and Deputy Director of Public Instruction, felt glad that the scout movement had been utilised for such constructive work.

Mr V. S Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, hoped that the villagers would take greater interest in the work of the scouts and give them all facilities and encouragement.

Mr. Ram Mohan, Camp Officer read messages received from Mr. G. E. Muthirulandi, Collector and others. M . C.V. Naidu, District Commissioner, Scouts, Chingleput North, proposed a vote of thanks.

## PARENT PARTICIPATION

SOMEONE once said that "Parents are people too". I often wonder whether Scouters do not sometimes forget this We miss many opportunities of brining these "people" into the life of the whole Scout Group I think this results sometimes from the Scouter who delights in running a one-man show, and who will brook no "interference", as he calls it, from mere parents.

I cannot help but feel that this is wrong. Surely Scouting has a real task of strengthening the home ties which are under such stress in these days of change. Should not Scouting strengthen the good effects of church, home and school on our young members? Between Scouting and the home there should be a bond of co-operation. After all, it is the same boy who is exposed to the impact of both.

D. C. SPRY,

*Director*

*The International Bureau*

## VIII WORLD JAMBOREE

Following on the invitation given by Canada and accepted at the 14th International Scout Conference at Vaduz, Liechtenstein, in August 1953, it is now possible to give some preliminary information:

Site. Niagara on-the-Lake, Ontaria, (near the famous Niagara Falls)

Date: From 18th August to 28th August 1955.

Camp Fee: 30 Canadian Dollars per head (approx: £ 10 sterling)

Camp Chief: Mr. Jackson Dodds, C B.E. Deputy Chief Scout for Canada.

Deputy Camp Chief: Mr. Eli Boyaner, Provincial Commissioner for New Brunswick.

Following the tradition of giving a name to our World Jamboree, this one will be known as THE JAMBOREE OF NEW HORIZONS.

More detailed information as to the arrangements for the Jamboree is at present in preparation and will be published as soon as available, together with information about the 15th International Scout Conference which will follow immediately after the Jamboree.

It is greatly hoped that all countries will be able to arrange to send a good contingent, despite the difficulties of transport and expense. We are quite sure that, provided they start to save up NOW some Scouts from each of our member Associations can manage to be present at this Jamboree—the first WORLD Jamboree ever to be held in the Western Hemisphere.

## OURSELVES

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### National Extension Service

Encouraged by the successful Rural Service Camps run at our places, namely Vadavannur and Puducode in Malabar; and Tirukalikundram and Senji in Chingleput Districts, the Government has suggested the Training of Block Development Officers as Scout Commissioners and appointed as Asst. District Commissioners in their respective areas to work under the direction of District Commissioners and District Associations of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

A Commissioners' Training Course will be held shortly in this connection to train 28 Block Development Officers who are at present working in the State. It is hoped that Scout work will be thus closely associated with the National Extension Service. The Course will be open to others also, both men and women.

## INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE (GUIDES)

We have received a glowing report of the work done in Ceylon by this Conference which was attended by representatives of 17 countries. Mrs. Mazundar, State Commissioner (Guides) Delhi who represented India gave a vivid and exhaustive report of this Conference and the part played by the Indian delegates. Miss. G R. Samuel who was on the staff of this Conference writes to say that "it was a wonderful Conference" We are sure as a result of this Conference Guiding in South East Asian Countries will be greatly benefited, and on our part we shall continue to strengthen the forward step we took in the matter of merger. *Dame Leslie Whateley, Director, The World Bureau of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.* writing in the 'Jamboree' says "I think the necessity for a close working co-operation between our two bureaux has made itself more and more apparent. Joint Meetings of the staff at the two bureaux are now held regularly. In particular, I refer to the growing number of Joint Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements" Comment is unnecessary, India has indeed given a lead in this direction.

### Other Matters

We have received a communication from the National Headquarters informing us of the decision taken up by the Railway Board to issue single Concession, to Scouts and Guides & officers. Detailed order is published elsewhere. We are grateful to the National Headquarters. for this very kind act and we hope that the Concession will enable a very large number of boys and girls to take advantage of Scouting and Guiding in our State.

*Editor.*

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